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Dear Dr. Holman:

I received your letter of November 2 concerning the Golden Jubilee International Congress on Essential Fatty Acids and Prostaglandins projected for May 1980. This has now been discussed with my colleagues.

There are, of course, many opportunities to support interesting and meritorious congresses and symposia and the subject of this one is quite attractive. However, the primary mission of The Council is to support research in the laboratory and clinic along certain specific lines. Policy restricts contributions to meetings and conferences to a selected few special cases where there is especially high relevance to our current research undertakings, particularly conferences that bring together a number of our staff and grantees to interact, exchange suggestions and make criticisms in the presence of their peers.

The consensus is that The Council is not sufficiently involved with the subjects of this conference to justify a contribution. This does not in any way reflect on the merits of the Congress or diminish our hopes that it will be an outstanding success.

Very sincerely yours,

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